

Previous Recipients of the Ruby R. Wharton Outstanding Women Award

2013 Recipients

Yvonne Madlock, Director, Memphis & Shelby County Health Department
Marcela Pinilla, Recording Artist
Bettye Boone, Past President, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc.
Susan Stephenson, CEO and Co-Founder, Independent Bank
Fannie Clark, Retired Educator, Director of TN Mass Choir & community Activist
Amy Weirich, District Attorney General

2012 Recipients

Alma Bolden, Educator, Grahamwood Elementary School
Rachel Shankman, Senior Director, Facing History and Ourselves
Africa Gonzalez, Director of Immigrant Women's Services, YWCA of Memphis
Gina Neely, Co-Owner, Neely's Bar B Que
Hazel Moore, Owner, Hair Fashion
Bernice Donald, Judge, U. S. District Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit
Maxine Smith, Retired Civil Rights Activist

2011 Recipients

Kimberly D. Lamar, PhD, MPH, MSEH, Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee
Cheryl Beard, Executive Director, Urban Youth Initiative
Onie Johns, Co-founder/Owner, Caritas Community Center & Coffee Shop
Modeane Thompson, Retired Educator
Julie Ellis, Attorney, Butler-Snow
Ivonne Arguijo, Professional Assistant-ESL Mentor, Memphis City Schools

2010 Recipients

Marka Bennett, Volunteer and Board Member, Agape Child and Family Services
Martha Perine Beard, Vice President and Senior Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank
Aurelia Kyles, Community Activist
Rosie Bingham, PhD, Vice President Student Affairs, University of Memphis
Kelly Dobbins, Owner, Mid-South Drug Testing
Yvonne Acey, Associate Director, Africa in April Cultural Awareness Festival, Inc.
Trani Bui Smith, Freelance Host, Producer, Writer, and Media Specialist
Charlie Nelson, Director of Fundraising Events & Volunteers, MIFA

2010 Recipients of Ruby R Wharton Teens Award

Deidra Shores, Student, NBC Kid Reporter, Colonial Middle School
Kristina White, Student, Colonial Middle School

2009 Recipients

Brenda Taylor, PhD, Director of Compliance, Shelby County Head Start
Nettie Rogers, Evangelist/Founder, Memphis Inter-Denominational Fellowship, Inc
Johnnie Turner, Executive Director, NAACP
Louise Patterson, President, Bountiful Blessings, Inc.
Jefferie Bruton, CPA, Executive Director, Shelby Residential and Vocational Services, Inc.
Dorothy "Happy" Jones, Founder, Memphis Area Women's Council and Network

2008 Recipients

Kenya Bradshaw, Community Planning & Development, The Urban Child Institute
Michelle Fowlkes, Associate Director, Partnerships Southeast FO USP, Save the Children
Brenda Harper, Vice President of Mortgage Lending for Enterprise Corp, Delta HOPE
Jean Saulsberry, Development of Student Development, LeMoyne-Owen
Marion Levy, Associate Professor and Director of the Master of Public Health Program, University of Memphis

2007 Recipients

Nancy Bogatin, Community Activist
Dr. Shirley Hilliard, Counselor, Whitney Elementary
Espí Ralston, Healthcare Interpreter
Anita Vaughn, CEO, Administrator Baptist Women's Hospital
Pat Morgan, Executive Director, Partners for the Homeless
Rita Stotts, Judge

2006 Recipients

Derna Abreu Greenberg, Bilingual Homebuyer Education Coordinator of United Housing, Inc.
Barbara Sax Jacobs, Program Officer & Director of the Plough Foundation
Barbara King, Executive Director of the Exchange Club Family Center
Linda Moses, MD., OB/GYN Physician with Hollywood Health Loop
Beverly Robertson, President of the National Civil Rights Museum

2005 Recipients

Dr. Carolyn Bibbs, President & CEO, Creative Life Preparatory School
Ruby Bright, Executive Director & CEO, Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis
Patricia Chandler, Founder and President, Impact Marketing
Barbara Holden, Director, Institute for Early Childhood
Antionette Holman, Regional Administrator, TN Department of Children Services
Barbara Motley, Director, Goodwill homes Community Services, Inc.
Lyda Parker, Retired Educator
Nisha Powers, Owner, Powers Hill Design, LLC
Ester Shaw, Educator
Nancy Williams, Director, Memphis Child Advocacy Center